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SUBJECT

Service of the Swamigalu of the Brimanakatte Matt, Tirthahalli Taluk & succession to the Pita

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File No. 59-22

FILE HEADING.

Demise of the Swamiyaru of the Sri Bhimanakatte mutt, Sirsi taluk and succession to the Gadi

From

The Murrai Comr Mysore

C No. 5-29/22-23 Dated 1/2-10-22 Received 2-10-22

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Intimates the death of the Swami & recommends that pending the succession of a suitable Swami to the Gadi, the mutt with properties in the Mysore State may be taken under Govt management

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Vide notes on the reverse of the Mur; Comr's letter under disposal.

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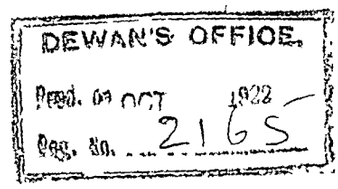

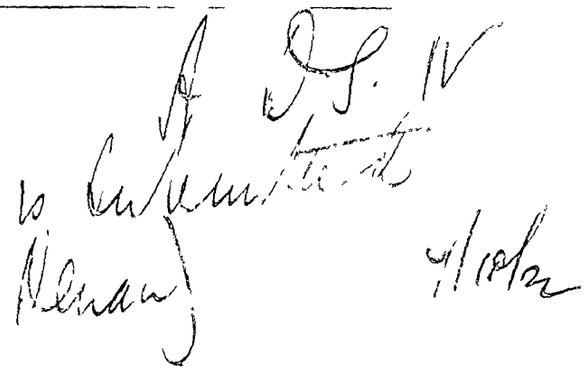

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Final Note by the ~~Second~~ FIRST Member of Council.

Subject :—

Demise of the Swamigalu of the Sri Bhimanakatte Matt in Tirthahalli Taluk and the proposal to take the Matt and its properties in the State under the management of Government.

The Swami of the Sri Bhimanakatte Matt in Tirthahalli Taluk is reported to have passed away on the 9th July 1922, while on tour in Belgaum District. On receipt of a communication from the Agent of the Matt announcing this fact, the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, was at once instructed to take all necessary action for securing the properties of the institution.

2. The letter now received from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore who has submitted a copy of the Shimoga District Deputy Commissioner's report on the subject, shows that all necessary arrangements have been made by the Deputy Commissioner for safeguarding the properties of the Matt in the State, and, that a further report will be submitted as to succession to the Pita and other matters connected therewith.

3. In the meantime, the Muzrai Commissioner recommends that pending the final settlement of the question of succession to the Matt which is likely to take some time, the Matt and its properties in the Mysore State may be ordered to be taken under the management of Government under Section 25 of the Muzrai Regulation.

4. As this is an important and ancient institution enjoying a first day's Bhiksha of Rs.50/- while visiting Bangalore, I agree with the Muzrai Commissioner in considering that the Matt and its properties within the State may be taken under Government management.

5. The matter is submitted for the gracious orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

P Rajagopalachari Rao

7th October 1922 MEMBER OF COUNCIL 7.10.22

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith a Final Note by the First Member of Council on the subject of taking over the Sri Bhimankatte Matt in Tirthahalli Taluk and its properties under the management of Government in consequence of the demise of the Swamigalu for His Highness' gracious approval.

Dewan of Mysore.

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submitted for the Orders
of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject.

Proposal to take the Srl Brahmin Watt in Pirthamalli Palli and its properties under the management of Government in consequence of the demise of the Swamigal.

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11 To, the Inspector General of Registration.

No 1586 Dy 20-10-27.

Sanction has been accorded to take the properties of the Sri Bhimanapalle Math under Court management.

5. From, the Guard of Sri Bhandaru Kone Math, Udupi Taluk.

Petitioner Srimukha Dy Dandapani Bhatta Sukla Panchami addressed H.H. the Maharaja and Dewan.

States that he Math and Bhandara Kathe Math are (Two) Farm in Atti, that all the properties (all Math including cattle etc, have not been taken Vade Deed Hanga that the agents of the Math believing Swamiji are dead and that he will send his Power Sale in the matter of the appointment of a Committee.

The Srimukha addressed to the Dewan has been received. The following order! — may be forwarded to the Inspector.

Dy. Secretary.

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15	To The Inspl Commr in Mysore
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	forwards the printed petition
	for favour of Sanction

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Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,
Camp Mysore, dated the 1st October 1922.

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From

K. R. Srinivasiengar, Esq., M.A.,
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
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MYSORE
22-23

To

T. E. Jeyarama Aiyar, Esq., B.A., B.L., Mur2.759-22-13
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Revenue Department, Camp Mysore.

Sir,

Referring to your letter No..... dated ..... 19 forwarding the petition of the agent of the Sri Bhimanakatte Mutt in the Thirthahalli Taluk, regarding the death of the Swami of the Mutt on the 9th July 1922 and the appointment of a successor to the deceased Swami, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter No.O.C.75/Rev.22-23 dated the 19th instant and its enclosures received from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, reporting in detail on the circumstances of the case and the arrangements made for safeguarding the properties of the Mutt. A copy of a telegram received from the Swami of the Bhandarkeri Mutt at Udupi & claiming the right to take up the management of the Mutt and nominate a successor to the deceased Swami is also herewith submitted for the perusal of Government. A reply has been sent to him informing him of the orders of Government regarding succession to Mutts in Mysore and he has been asked to represent his claims to the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga who has been requested to make a full enquiry about the right claimed by the Swami of Bhandarkeri Mutt to nominate a successor to the vacant Mutt as also about the claims of the other candidates for succession and submit a report by the end of November next.

2. Meanwhile pending the final settlement of the question of succession to the Mutt which is likely to take some time, I request that sanction of Government may be kindly accorded to the Matha and its properties situated in the Mysore State being taken under Government

management in accordance with Section 25 of the Muzrai
As regards the properties situated in British India, there are practical difficulties in the way of taking them under Government management. The Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga will be, however, requested to report what arrangements he would propose for the safeguarding of these properties and for securing the income therefrom for the benefit of the Mutt during the period that it is under Government management.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Muzrai Commissioner.

Recd 4.15 pm 2.10.22

Sub. & said personal -

2/10/22

The properties of the Mutt in the Agent Shd may be taken under Govt management, pending the appointment of a Trustee or until further orders.

RTP

A.D.C. V is also submitted.

First Member 2/3/10/22

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5.10.22.

D.C. V is approved

Action taken is in agreement with the understanding arrived at the informal discussion in the matter on the 1st inst when the Chairman, Revenue Secy, Govt. the Muzrai Commr & the D.C. Shimoga Dist were present.

Sub'd with a D.S.P.

6.10.22

Telegram dated 28th September 1922 from the Swami of the Bhandarkeri Mutt to the Commissioner, Muzrai Department, Mysore.

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Re: nomination and management of Bhimanakatte Mutt. Kindly note that the right to assume interim charge of the said Mutt and the God and to nominate the successor and manage the Mutt affair during his minority vests in us as the head of the Bhandarkeri Mutt, Udupi Taluk, South Kanara which is the Dwandwa Mutt. Kindly allow us to be heard fully before proceeding further in the matter by giving notice to appear on some day.

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" C O P Y "

Muzrai Commissioner.

RTR

Letter No.O.C.75/Rev.22-23, dated 19th September 1922, from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore:--

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"Adverting to Revenue Secretary's letter No.748/Muz.59-22-5 dated the 12th August 1922, directing to take all necessary action for securing the properties of Sri Bhimankatte Matt in Thirthahalli Taluk, the Swamigalu of which died on the 9th July 1922 while on tour in the Belgaum District and with reference to your letter No.C.52 of 22-23 dated 13th and 16th instant forwarding for report petitions from the agents of the Matt, I have the honor to state as follows:--

2. On the 14th July 1922, the local agent Lakshminarayanachar of the Matt reported to the Amildar, Thirthahalli Taluk that the Swamigalu of the Matt passed away on the 9th July 1922 at Sathe in Athini Taluk, Dharwar District and produced a copy of the telegram he received on the previous night. As no successor to the Swami had been duly installed and the Pita was accordingly vacant, steps were immediately taken to secure the properties of the Matt under instructions from the Sub =- Division Officer who was then touring in the Taluk.

3. A Panchayat was accordingly gathered consisting of the chief persons interested in the Matt and in their presence an inventory of all the moveable properties of the Matt was drawn up and signed by the Panchayatdars and the Amildar and the Sub Division Officer, and the properties were secured under the seals of the Amildar and the Matt Agent.

4. The properties of the Matt which were in the possession of the Swami while on tour were brought back to the Matt by the circuit agent Hayagrivachar and the same were also secured in the Matt, ~~similar~~ similar formalities as in the first case having also been observed. It will thus be seen that all the moveable articles of the Matt have been secured properly and a Police Constable has also been deputed for watch and ward in the Matt.

5. The deceased Swamy is reported to have left a will duly registered before the Sub Registrar, of Athini Taluk by which the Swami had

had nominated one Balakrishnachar the son of Lakshminaray the agent of the Matt as a fit and proper person to be given the Ashrama and succeed him in the office. This Balakrishnachar is a young lad of about 13 years under theprotection of his father and is reported to have passed the Lower Secondary Examination in Kannada and is said also to have some instruction in Adhyayana. The practice in this Matt is ascertained to be in induct into Sanyasa Asrama young lads who are Brahmacharies and seeing that the agent Lakshminarayanachar himself is connected with the late Swami's family, there seems to be very little doubt about eligibility of the Swami's nominee.

6. The question is however complicated by the fact that this Matt is said to be a Dwandwa Matt with Bhandarkeri Matt in Udipi Taluk and one of the incidents of this relationship is that whenever the headship of either of the Matts is vacant owing to a successor not being duly inducted before the demise of the presiding Swamy, the right of inducting a successor to the Pita is vested in the Swami of the Dwandwa Matt. This point was the subject matter of an expensive litigation between the late Swami and the Swami of the Adhamar Matt who set up a right to appoint to a vacancy in the Bhandarkere Mutt and the matter was set at rest in appeal No.221 of 1910 before the High Court of Madras by the High Court recognising the right of the Swami of Bhimankatte Matt to appoint to a vacancy in the Bhandarkere Matt. The case is a celebrated one and this judgment is given at length in the Madras Law Reports. How far the right should be taken as mutual is a matter for further consideration; but if it is recognised, then the Swami of Bhandarkere Matt who is also a stipendiary of the Mysore Government is the person entitled to induct a successor into the vacant Pita of Bhimanakatte Matt.

7. The Swami of the Bhandarkere Matt is said to be under the influence of the Swami of Ahamar Matt and he seems to be not in favour of accepting the nomination of the deceased Swami. There is again another competitor in the field in the person of a son of Hayagrivachar the brother of the deceased Swami. He is a tender lad of about 6 or 7 years but the proposal is said to be favourably received by the --

Bhandarkere Swami. In the meanwhile there are other intrigues on foot to induce the Swami of Bhandarkere Matt to induct some other person for substantial consideration. There is thus every likelihood of a scramble for the office which may perhaps degenerate into a sale. It appears to be therefore necessary that a notice should be sent to the Swami of the Bhandarkere Matt bringing to his notice the standing orders on the subject requiring that ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ sanction of Government should be previously obtained to the nomination of a successor and desiring him therefore not to induct any person into the Ashrama with a view to his succeeding to the vacant Pita without obtaining the previous sanction of Government.

8. All these arrangements will take time and in the meanwhile, provision has to be made for the safe custody of the Matt properties and the administration of the estates. As Section 25 of the Muzrai Regulation provides for a contingency of the Kind, order of Government has to be obtained for taking over possession of the Matt properties and their management until such time as a proper successor is appointed and he takes over the management.

9. The Matt owns estates not only in the State but also in the Kundapur and Udipi Taluks of South Canara and also in the Belgaum District of the Bombay Presidency. The management if assumed by the Government will have also to extend to the properties in those ~~places~~ Districts. The scheme of management and the scale of expenditure for the carrying on of the ordinary worship and other functions of the Matt will be submitted for sanction if it is decided to take over the management.

10. Enclosed I submit a reportfrom the Sub Division Officer, Shimoga reporting on the position of the Matt and its assets and liabilities. The Matt has a standing of more than average importance and is one of those entitled to a first day's Bhiksha of Rs 50 on its visit to Bangalore. It has not a large following of -- disciples but it is reported to be historically important as the

P.T.O.

the representative of the Acharya who inducted into Sanyasa the great Madhwacharya himself".

"Copy"

Muzrai Commissioner.

D.M.

SUBJECT... Direct the Inamdars of Bhuvana Gudde Agrahara to ... Kaffir Jyothi Ananda Tirtha ...

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Signed by. Mr. T.E. Ryan

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Proceedings of the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read— Correspondence undigested
Letter no 52 of 22-23
d/ 2d October 1922 from
the Inamdai commissioner
in Myssore reporting that
the Swami of the Sri
Bhuvana Gudde Mutt in
the Tenkanadi Taluk
passed away on the 9th
July 1922, while on
tour in the Bijapur
District, in the course of

Order-Thereon No.

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v placed at the disposal of the press ?

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some time the Nation and
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under Govt management
under Section 25 of the
Imperial Regulation.

Order thereon. No 1586/mur 59-22-1
& 20.10.22

The Imperial Govt's
recommendation is
sanctioned

Proposals in the
matter of the appointment
of a successor to the
late Mr Arno Lawrie.

List of enclosures.

U F Bishop
Secretary,
P.C.O. for H.E.H.

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To

The Inspector Genl

Signed by M.T.E. for Secy

In continuation of P.C. No. 1586 dt 20 Feb 1922 Something your memorandum to take the proposed Bhimana-Rate Road and Gini Irrigation, I am directed to forward herewith

for favour of disposal

over.

Stating that his land and the Rhenania Battle land are (D.D. & Co.) two estates, that all the property of the latter including cattle etc, have not been taken charge of by Govt. Custodian. Grants are for taking away its properties, and that he like send up his proposals in the matter of the appointment of a Competent Overseer in

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Asst Revd Secretary.

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